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| Title:      | SLIDER SCALE PACKAGE FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING HEADS |                 |                          |

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 17 and 18:

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17. (Twice Amended) The HGA of claim 16, wherein the flex circuit includes first, second, third, and fourth interconnect pads wherein the at least one interconnect pad is one of the first, second, third or fourth interconnect pad, and the slider/MR head includes first, second, third, and fourth bond pads wherein the at least one bond pad is one of the first, second, third or fourth bond pads.

18. (Twice Amended) The HGA of claim 17, wherein the first, second, third, and fourth interconnect pads are arranged such that the polarities of the bond pads match with polarities from the interconnect pads.